

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

IN CONCORD,

MARCH 10, 11, & 12, 1840.

At a legal town meeting, duly notified and holden at Concord, in the county of Merrimack, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, the inhabitants of said town of Concord, having a right to vote in any matter that might come before the town by a major vote, did by ballot—

Chose Ezra Carter, moderator, to preside in said meeting, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town, present and qualified to vote for Senators, were given in for Governor, for Counsellor, and for Senator, and were received in presence of the selectmen of said town, in open town meeting, by the moderator thereof, who in said meeting, in presence of said selectmen and the clerk of said town, sorted and counted said votes, and at the close of the polls made a public declaration thereof, with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows:—

FOR GOVERNOR.

John Page	had	544 votes.
Enos Stevens	“	513
Daniel Hoyt	“	4
Isaac Crosby	“	1
N. P. Rogers	“	1

FOR COUNSELLOR.

Isaac Waldron	had	542 votes.
Arthur Branscomb	“	515
N. P. Rogers	had “	3

FOR SENATOR.

Peter Renton	had	537 votes.
George Kent	“	519

And the votes of the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote for Senators, given in for a Register of Deeds and for a County Treasurer, were received by the moderator in presence of the selectmen, and were sorted and counted in presence of the selectmen and town clerk in open town meeting, and were as follows:—

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Mitchell Gilmore, jr.	had	543 votes.
Asa McFarland	“	514
William G. Thompson	“	2
Alpheus Morrill	“	1

COUNTY TREASURER.

William Knox	had	541 votes.
James Wilson	“	514
John Titcomb	“	3
David Morrill, jr.	“	1
Amos Wood	“	1

And the moderator in open meeting, in presence of the selectmen and town clerk, made a public declaration of the state of the votes, with the name of every person voted for and the number of votes each person had, as aforesaid.

And an alphabetical list of all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in the election of Senators, having been lodged with the clerk of said town, and posted up at the Post-office and at the north meeting house in said Concord, fifteen days prior to said tenth day of March, and the name of each voter having been checked by the town clerk on said list during the balloting, the votes of the inhabitants of said town qualified as aforesaid, for four Representatives to represent said town in the General Court of this State, were received by the moderator in presence of the selectmen, and were by the same moderator in presence of the selectmen and town clerk sorted and counted as follows:—

Joseph Robinson	had	523 votes.
Moses Shute	“	534
Abiel C. Carter	“	539
Jacob Hoit	“	532
Ira Perley	“	514
Joseph Low	“	517
Henry Rolfe	“	513
Hazen Virgin	“	516
John Eastman	“	4
Wm. M. Carter	“	4
John B. Chandler	“	3
Peter Clark	“	3

Francis N. Fisk	had	2
William Page	"	2
Hazen Walker	"	2
Elbridge G. Chase	"	2
David Allison	"	2
Benj. H. Weeks	"	1
John McDaniel	"	1
Cyrus Barton	"	1
Ezra Ballard	"	1
Samuel B. Larkin	"	1
John Robinson	"	1
H. B. Barton	"	1
Amos Wood	"	1

And the said moderator, in presence of the selectmen and town clerk, in open meeting, made a public declaration of the state of the votes, with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes each person had, as aforesaid.

And Moses Shute, Abiel C. Carter, and Jacob Hoit, having each a majority of all the votes, were declared to be duly elected Representatives of said town for the ensuing year.

Voted, To adjourn to to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1840.

Met according to adjournment—

And the inhabitants having a right to vote as aforesaid, by a major vote and by ballot,

Chose Jacob C. Carter, Town Clerk, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed.

Attest, **ROBERT E. PECKER**, Town Clerk.

Chose Enoch H. Dow, and William Pecker, Selectmen, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Voted, To adjourn to to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 12, 1840.

Met according to adjournment—

Chose Nathan Stickney Selectman, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Voted, To choose by ballot four persons as Assessors.

Chose Samuel A. Kimball, Isaac F. Williams, John Eastman, and Jeremiah Fowler, Assessors.

Chose Jeremiah Pecker, Isaac Farnum, and Moses Shute, Fence Viewers.

Chose Samuel Curtis, Ezra Hoit, Joseph Bradley, Dudley Clifford, John Parker, William E. Blanchard, Joseph K. Moore, and Benjamin Merrill, Cullers of Staves.

Chose Nathaniel Rolfe, Hartwell Melvin, Eben F. Elliot, George Wilkins, and Asa Parker, jr., Surveyors of Lumber, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose John Eastman, Charles Graham, Reuben Goodwin, jr., Philip Watson, John Miller, Leavitt C. Virgin, Josiah Spiller, jr., Shadrach Seavey, Abel Baker, Asa H. Morrill, Joseph Eastman, jr., Joseph F. Dow, Sewel Hoit, Jeremiah Fowler, William Brown, and Henry M. Moore, Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Charles H. Clough, Seth Eastman, and Cyrus Robinson, Corders of wood, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose John L. Tallant, James H. Sweet, Orin Foster, Nathaniel H. Sanborn, Timothy C. Rolfe, and Philip Sargent, Corders of Wood.

Chose Chase Hill, Cyrus Robinson, and Enos Blake, Sealers of Leather.

Chose Simeon Abbot, Pound keeper.

Chose Abram Bean, John Pettingill, Charles C. Hodgdon, Jeremiah Fowler, Asa Morrill, George W. Dow, Harry Houston, Rufus D. Scales, Reuben D. Mooers, John Wallace, Hartwell Melvin, Jacob A. Potter, Giles W. Ordway, Reuben G. Wyman, Nath'l Rolfe, Horatio N. Harvey, George W. Brown, Henry Farnum, Isaac Eastman, Theodore French, William Abbott, jr., Josiah K. Lock, and Nathan W. Moore, Constables.

Chose John Whipple, Nathaniel H. Osgood, and Jacob A. Potter, Auditors of Accounts.

Chose Seth Eastman, Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, Simeon Abbot, Mical Tubbs, William Restieaux, Isaac F. Williams, Nathan Call, Samuel Coffin, William M. Carter, Aaron Carter, and Charles H. Clough, Firewards, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose Emery Burgess, Luther Roby, Eben Hall, John George, Ephraim Hutchins, Oliver Turner, Benjamin Damon, Moses Shute, and Joseph Eastman, jr., Firewards.

Chose Jeremiah Pecker, Rufus Virgin, Hazen Abbott, Atkinson Webster, Isaac Abbot, Reuben Wyman, Nathan Call, Ebenezer Capen, and Heman Sanborn, Surveyors of Highways, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose James B. Fellows, Lowel Eastman, Ephraim C. Elliot, Jeremiah Abbot, Daniel Flanders, Charles Hall, John Mills, Jeremiah Mills, Emery Burgess, John Sawyer, William Dow, Ephraim F. Swett, Nathan Ballard, Horatio G. Belknap, Daniel D. Clark, Marcellus Morrill, Joseph Elliot, Samuel Hut-

chins, jr., Asa Blanchard, and Henry Farnum, Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, and William M. Carter, Weighers of Hay, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose John Gass, Nathan Chandler, 2d, Daniel N. Hoyt, George W. Brown, Nath'l H. Sanborn, Orin Foster, and James H. Swett, Weighers of Hay.

Chose Seth Eastman, Sealer of Weights and Measures, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Also, chose Ivory Hall, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Chose Nathaniel Bouton, William H. Hatch, William Kent, John Jarvis, Thomas B. Sargent, John Wallace, Hog Constables.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year past, respectfully report:—

That we have attended to the duty assigned us, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast.

That there was in the hands of the Treasurer, March

11, 1839, the sum of	310 70
Taxes assessed and committed to collectors,	7277 19
Received for Literary Fund,	338 03
“ “ Conditional exempts,	2 00
“ of Town of Lancaster for support of pauper,	127 00
“ Town of Epsom do do	9 42
“ State Treasurer bounty on Foxes,	12 25
“ Enoch Hoit, amount note and interest,	1 35
Note of Sewall's Falls Locks and Canal Company,	117 83
“ Daniel Farnum and another,	550 00
“ Benjamin Carter,	8 50
Orders on County Treasurer for support of paupers,	23 39
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	\$8777 66

Which is accounted for as follows, viz:—

Paid State Treasurer,	1380 00
“ County Treasurer,	871 60
“ School Orders,	2396 62
“ School House Order,	18 00
“ Rations for the Militia,	200 50
“ Services of militia for 1837-8,	18 00
“ Services of militia for 1839,	257 00

5141 72

Amount brought over,		5141 72
Paid School Committee,	75 00	
“ Teacher of Penmanship,	100 00	
“ Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	348 66	
“ Support of Paupers,	757 02	
“ Repairs of Hearse and Pall,	11 97	
“ Bounty on Foxes,	8 50	
“ Committee and expenses on town line,	77 75	
“ Committee to find town lands,	8 33	
“ Expense of Firewards,	2 25	
“ Damage to horse,	25 00	
“ N. H. Insurance Company, assessment,	25 68	
“ Standard Weights and Measures,	107 40	
“ Police Officer, Professional Services,		
Surveyor and costs,	85 68	
“ Repair town house and notifying jurors,	14 81	
“ Stationary and Printing,	28 01	
“ Appropriation for winding up and re- pair of clock,	25 00	
“ Ringing and tolling bell and taking care of clock,	60 00	
“ Selectmen and town Clerk for servi- ces and expenses,	441 60	
“ Office rent, fuel and refreshments of Selectmen,	22 00	
“ Guide Boards,	5 00	
“ Receipts for non-resident Highway Taxes,	72 39	
“ Abatement of taxes,	79 25	
“ Commission for collection of taxes,	145 54	
Note of Proprietors Sewall's Falls Locks and Canal Company,	117 83	
“ Daniel Farnum and another,	550 00	
“ Benjamin Carter,	8 50	
Orders on the County Treasurer,	23 39	
Paid Auditors,	3 00	
Cash on hand in Treasury,	406 38	
		3635 94

\$8777 66

That the state of pauperism may be more clearly understood, the Auditors would remark that the whole expense of supporting the poor at the farm the past year amounts to the following sums :

Amount of property on hand March 1, 1839,	1161 32
Cash and credits in the hands of the overseer,	56 18
Interest on the cost of Farm,	240 00

Overseer's salary,	200 00
Services of Physician,	17 00
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	\$1674 50

From which sum should be deducted—

Amount of property on hand March 1, 1840,	1068 90
Cash in overseer's hands and due from sundry individuals,	60 36
Due from County,	23 39
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	1152 65

Leaving a balance of 521 85
 which is the expense of supporting paupers at the farm.

The expense of supporting paupers not at the farm amounts to, after deducting sums received from other towns, 163 60

685 45

The average number of paupers at the farm for the past year has been sixteen, and makes the expense thirty-eight dollars and eighty cents and a fraction, to each person.

LUTHER ROBY, }
 BENJ. GROVER, } Auditors.

Concord, March 5, 1840.

Voted, To accept the above Report.

Voted, That the sum of four thousand dollars be raised for making and repairing Highways, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand and seventy dollars be raised for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for making and repairing Roads and Bridges, and to defray other town expenses the current year.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to hire and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for constructing any new roads which may be imposed on the town during the year:

The Committee having in charge various funds of the Town of Concord, submit the following REPORT:—

PARSONAGE FUND.

The amount of Parsonage Fund is \$5335 51
 which is invested as follows.

13 shares in Concord Bank, cost,	1326 25
10 shares in Merrimack County Bank,	1050
4 shares in Mechanicks Bank,	400
Note by Robert E. Pecker, Jona. E. Lang, Wm. Pecker,	964 77
Note by Robert Davis, Luther Roby, Moses Shute,	473 74
Note by Nathan Chandler, Jere. Abbot, Eben Fisk,	202 26
Note by Stephen Brown, with collateral security,	753 49
Paid on Rail-road Stock, (110 shares)	165
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	\$5335 51

The income of the above to Jan. 1, 1840, was \$405 72—

Which was apportioned among the Religious Societies as follows:—

First Congregational Society,	114 59
Second do	70 17
South do	60 25
West do	45 14
Methodist,	86 84
Baptist,	36 50
Episcopal,	12 61
Universalist,	14 11
Christian,	12 05
Freewill,	3 46
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\$405 72

SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of the School Fund is invested as follows:—

10 shares in Concord Bank, cost	1020 25
3 shares in Mechanicks Bank,	300
Deposit in Savings Bank,	780 21
Note by Richard H. Ayer, Isaac Hill, Amos G. Gale,	711 87
Note by Isaac Hill, Richard H. Ayer, Amos G. Gale,	738 51
Note by Stephen Brown, Wm. Kent, Joseph Low,	287 44
Note by George W. Moulton, Joseph Eastman, jr. A. W. Clough,	300
Note by New Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company,	372 56
Paid on 90 Shares Rail-road Stock,	135
Due for interest to March 1, 1840, on the above,	624 51
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Whole amounting to

\$5270 35

SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

The original amount was	14481 00
Invested as follows:—	
Note by Lewis Downing, Theodore French, Geo. Kent, Josiah Rogers,	3500 00
Note by Aaron Carter, Wm. M. Carter, John Brown, John Carter,	2000 00
Note by Hall Burgin, Wm. Kent, George Kent, Wm. A. Kent,	2000 00
Note by George Hutchins, H. Hutchins, Joseph Low,	1500 00
Note by Wm. A. Kent, Abel Hutchins, Lewis Downing, Wm. Kent,	1327 00
Note by Joseph Low, George Hutchins,	1000 00
Balance of note signed by Joseph Low, George Hutchins, George Kent, Amos Wood, Samuel Fletcher, N. G. Upham,	927 00
Note by New Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company,	861 16
5 shares in Mechanicks Bank,	500 00
Paid on 600 shares Rail-road Stock,	900 00
Due for interest on the above to March 1, 1840,	2371 68

The whole amounting to, \$16886 84

WM. A. KENT,
ROBERT DAVIS, } Committee.
JOSEPH LOW,

March 2, 1840.

Since the above account was made out, two thousand dollars has been paid on the note signed by Lewis Downing and others, and deposited in the Concord Bank.

Voted, To accept the above report.

Voted, That the income of the Parsonage Fund for the present year, be divided among the several incorporated religious societies in town, in the usual manner.

Voted, That the money to be received from the Literary Fund for the year 1839, be divided equally among the several school districts in the town.

Voted, That the interest on all the School Fund notes be required to be paid by the first day of July next, and that five hundred dollars of this income constitute a part of the sum ordered to be raised the present year for Schools.

Voted, That the interest on all the Surplus Revenue Fund Notes be required to be paid by the first day of July next, and that so much of this interest as shall be necessary for that purpose, be appropriated to pay the poll tax of the town the current year.

Voted, To adopt that part of the Police Laws of the town of Portsmouth which was adopted last year.

Voted, To adopt that portion of the law in regard to Firewards which was adopted last year.

Voted, To adopt the same law as last year, in regard to horses, cattle, sheep, and swine, going at large.

Voted, To adopt the law of this State, passed Jan. 4, 1833, regulating the office of Constable.

Voted, That the Report of the Superintending School Committee be accepted.

Voted, To refer the subject of dividing School Districts No. 1 and 23, to the Selectmen.

Also, that the Selectmen be directed to examine and report on the same within sixty days.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the repairs which have been made on Fire Engine No. 1, during the past year, and also such as may become necessary the current year.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to hire and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for purchasing a new Fire Engine, and for constructing reservoirs.

Voted, That the 14th article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, That four hundred dollars of the money to be raised for the support of schools the ensuing year, be divided equally among the several School Districts.

Voted, That twelve dollars be appropriated for winding up and taking care of the town clock the ensuing year.

Voted, That the account of Mr. Eastman, for services of Firewards, and the account of Mr. Chase, the Writing Master, be submitted to the Selectmen, to be audited and adjusted by them.

Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to cause such repairs to be made on the Town House as they may judge expedient and necessary, and also, to procure a new stove for the same.

Voted, That the further consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to ascertain if any portion of the Parsonage or School Lands in the town of Concord remain unsold, be postponed to the next town meeting, and that the Selectmen be directed to insert an article in the warrant for such meeting, to see if the town will then appoint a committee to sell such land. The above named report was accepted.

Voted, That the Selectmen receive proposals for collecting Taxes, and appoint such person or persons collectors as they shall think necessary and proper.

Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to have the proceed-